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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **PATTERN BLOCKS IN THE TREAD OF A TYRE**, the specification of which

- ☒ is attached hereto.
- ☐ was filed on _____ as United States Application No. _____.
- ☐ was filed on _____ as International Application No. _____.
- ☐ and was amended on _____ (if applicable).
- ☐ with amendments through _____ (if applicable).

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Prior Foreign Application(s)

Priority
Claimed

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Finland
(Country)

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(Day/Month/Year Filed)

☒ Yes ☐ No

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

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